

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING PLASMA  
DISPLAY PANEL WITH  
PROTECTIVE LAYER OF AN  
ALKALINE EARTH OXIDE

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF APPLICATION**

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Dear Sirs:

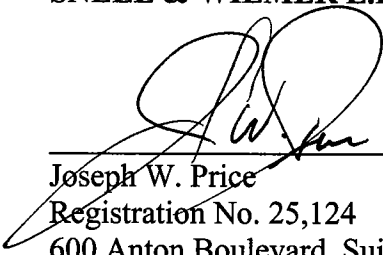
Applicant requests the status of this application. The issue fee was paid on April 9, 2008, but we have not yet received an Issue Notification nor the issued Patent. Multiple calls have been made to the Publications Branch during the past three months. However, the representatives are unable to provide any information as to the status of this case, or what the hold up is, although each representative indicates they will investigate. PAIR indicates it has been in Final Data Capture since July 25, 2008.

Applicant notes that a second reissue application, serial no. 09/997,536, is currently under suspension until the present '988 application issues.

If there are any questions, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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